

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted prior to continued examination and in response to the official action that issued on December 13, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-44 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-44 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 11, 19, 22, 27, 35, and 40 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-44 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

\$102 and \$103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14, 15, and 18-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Cookson (U.S. Patent No. 6,591,365).

Claims 6, 7, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cookson in view of the alleged "Applicant's admitted prior art" (AAAPA).

Claims 40-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cookson in view of Kuroda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,633,723).

Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims (claims 1, 11, 19, 22, 27, 35, and 40) are patentable over Cookson, AAAPA, and Kuroda (collectively "the cited references").

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward a recording medium, recording and/or reproducing to/from a recording medium, and a copy control method for content data. Each of the claims recites that management information of "strong remaining intensity" and management information of "weak remaining intensity" are

embedded into content data. Each of the claims further recites that the management information of weak remaining intensity "comprises an International Standard Recording Code (ISRC)." Supporting disclosure for including an ISRC in management information of weak remaining intensity may be found in the specification at, for example, page 10, lines 1-3; and page 11, lines 18-20.

None of the cited references discloses the embedding into content data of both management information of strong remaining intensity and management information of weak remaining intensity, wherein the management information of weak remaining intensity "comprises an International Standard Recording Code (ISRC)." Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 11, 19, 22, 27, 35, and 40 are patentable over the cited references - taken either individually or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2, 4-10, 12, 14-18, 20, 21, 23-26, 28-34, 36-39, and 41-44 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons discussed in connection with claims 1, 11, 19, 22, 27, 35, and 40.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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